

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-27 are pending in the present application with Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 19, 21, 23 and 25 having been amended by the present amendment.

This application is a divisional application of parent application serial no. 10/006,395, filed on December 10, 2001. Independent Claims 1 and 15 have been amended to set forth the invention in a varying scope, and Applicants submit the amendments are supported by the originally filed specification. Further, the appropriate dependent claims have been amended in light of the amendments made to the independent claims.

Consequently, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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